

Work Task B2:	Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery
Partners:	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)
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Purpose:	Develop, maintain, and operate a portion of the fish rearing facility to contribute to the LCR MSCP Fish Augmentation Program.
Conservation Measures:	RASU3 and RASU4
Long-term Goal:	The two principal fishes to be reared are the razorback sucker and the bonytail. Over 1.20 million native fish need to be reared. Willow Beach Hatchery is an integral part of the Fish Augmentation Program.
Location:	Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery is located on the Colorado River approximately five miles below Hoover Dam within Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
FY05 Estimate:	\$175,000 for in-house staff, equipment, material, and supplies to receive and rear 65,000 razorback sucker larvae, 25,000 juvenile razorback sucker, and 15,000 bonytail.
Project Description:	This program will facilitate rearing of razorback sucker and bonytail for release into the lower river as part of the LCR MSCP's Fish Augmentation Program. Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery is managed by the FWS, and is staffed by both Service and Reclamation employees.
FY04 Accomplishment:	In FY04 some 25,000 wild-caught razorback sucker larvae were brought into the hatchery and reared to fingerling size. Over 15,000 razorback suckers from previous stocks were reared, tagged and repatriated to Lake Mohave. Thirty adult razorback suckers were hand spawned and their offspring delivered to Bubbling Ponds Hatchery. 5,000 bonytail were reared, tagged and delivered to Lake Havasu.